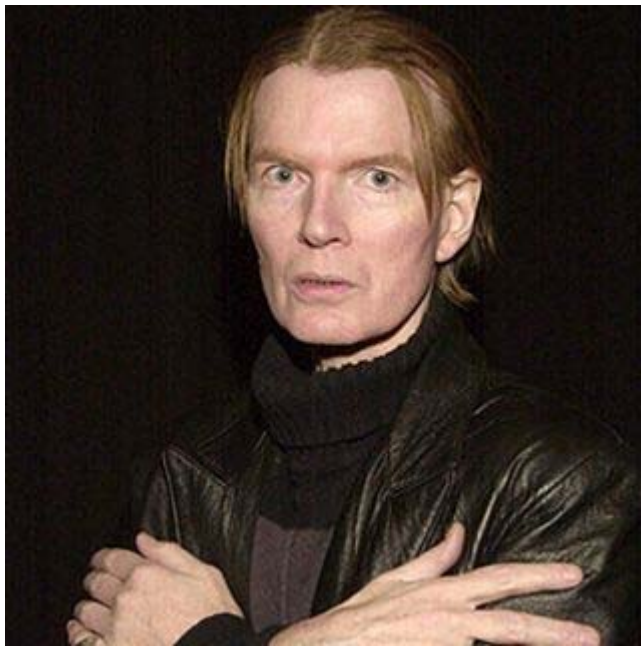


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RIP Author Jim Carroll

From the comment section of [Rolling Stone](#), by commentor Dennis Spencer.



"In 1978 I lived at the Chelsea Hotel in New York City. One afternoon I heard a knock on my door. When I opened it there stood a tall, drugged- out looking, skinny guy about my age with stringy red hair. With him were two other guys that were larger and even scarier looking than him.

With a fast talking New York accent and a desperate tone the red-headed one held up an LP and blasted into this rapid fire sales pitch:

"Listen, I know you don't know me but my name is Jim Carroll and I have a band called The Jim Carroll Band and I am on Rolling Stones

Records and Tapes. I have a single coming out next month called "People Who Died". I just this minute got back from England and what I have here in my hand is a copy of the new Rolling Stones album called

"Some Girls". This the ONLY copy that exists in the United States. I haven't even heard it. Nobody has heard it, not one single person in the U.S. has heard it, but YOU can be the first. My only question to you is: Do you have a stereo?"

Now wait a second, yes I had a stereo, a very nice one as a matter of fact. More importantly I also had a fair amount of drugs in my room that took a whole day of hustling to get and I wasn't about to let this trio of losers bust into my room and take my shit.

The album did look authentic though with the Rolling Stones logo and the red-head's story had a ring of authenticity so I let them in.

As everyone knows the first song on the album is "Miss You" which begins that opening line "nah nah nah nanana" in falsetto. We all had a hard time figuring out if I had the turntable set at the right speed but of course I did. We then listened to both sides of this fabulous album and it was of course, great.

On the way out Jim flipped a paper back book to me which of course was "Basketball Diaries" and said: "Check it out, this is the story of my life. One day you can say you met me."

Now I am glad to say that I did.

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Jim said..

What a great story. Reminds me of going into my local record store which I visited every Saturday and the man says to me, " I have been waiting for you all morning I have something very special I got for you." It was the first Blind Faith album with very underage looking girl holding the airplane which he had hidden under the counter and the guy gave it to me saying "His friend has just brought it back from England." Let see that was 45 years ago and I still have it along with it on CD. Did he know my name? Probably not. Just being nice. TOO FUCKIN COOL on his part.

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[Costa Rica Hotels](#) said..

Sounds like a memorable story, and what can be more cool than listen to an album that nobody has heard before, and add to that the fact that it was a vinyl, outstanding

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[silkie](#) said..

Welcome back! Thanks for noticing Jim Carroll.

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